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SUBJECT: PL 480 EDIBLE OIL PROGRAM FOR PAKISTAN

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1. TALKS WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, TAN SONG CHAAN, ON SUBJECT PROGRAM HAVE RAISED MORE QUESTIONS THAN WE ARE ABLE TO ANSWER. MR. TAN STATED THAT HE IS UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF USUAL MARKETING REQUIREMENT OF 83,000 METRIC TONS IS SUFFICIENT SINCE HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW MUCH OTHER INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES SELL TO PAKISTAN. ATTITUDE OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WILL ALSO BE IMPORTANT SINCE SINGAPORE, AS A NON-PRODUCER OF THE RAW MATERIALS, IS IN PRECARIOUS TRADING POSITION.

2. ALTHOUGH EXPORTS TO PAKISTAN ARE NOT LARGE (2,569 METRIC TONS IN 1974--PRIMARILY PALM OIL), EXPORTS OF EDIBLE OILS ARE RANKED SEVENTH IN VALUE OF SINGAPORE'S TOTAL EXPORTS. THE SOURCE FOR THIS STRADE IS TRANSHIPMENTS AND PROCESSING OF PALM OIL AND OTHER VEGETABLE OILS FOR EXPORT IN A NUMBER OF

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3. MR. TAN ALSO WANTED TO KNOW WHAT PENALTIES WOULD BE
LEVIED ON PAKISTAN IF IT DID NOT MEET ITS USUAL MARKETING
REQUIREMENT. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. DEPUTY DIRECTOR REQUESTED A FEW DAYS TO STUDY
IMPLICATIONS OF SUBJECT PROPOSAL. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD
FURTHER COMMENTS WHEN AVAILABLE.
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